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Application No.: 10/633,613)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: METHODS OF MARKETING A)	
MASS CONSUMER PRODUCT)	

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign patent and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

JP-T 2000-50438 - This document was cited in a Notice of Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office on October 17, 2006, in association with Japanese Patent

Application No. 2004-549163, which may disclose subject matter relating to the present application. A copy of the Notice of Rejection is attached along with its English-language translation. Furthermore, Applicants have listed and attached a copy of WO 98/22078, which includes an English-language Abstract and claims priority to the same applications as JP-T 2000-50438.

JP-A H11-310521 - This document was cited in the above-referenced Notice of Rejection. Furthermore, Applicants have listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08, U.S. Patent No. 6,106,579, which claims priority to the same application as JP-A H11-310521.

JP-A H02-237505 - This document was cited in the above-referenced Notice of Rejection. Further, Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,173,085 claims priority to the same application as JP-A H02-237505. U.S. Patent No. 5,173,085 is listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08.

JP-A H06-135824 - This document was cited in the above-referenced Notice of Rejection. Further, Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,173,085 claims priority to the same application as JP-A H06-135824.

JP-T 2002-523343 - This document was cited in the above-referenced Notice of Rejection. Further, Applicants have listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08, U.S. Patent No. 6,274,126 and WO 00/10515, which claim priority to the same application as JP-T 2002-523343.

JP-A 2002-253332 - This document was cited in the above-referenced Notice of Rejection. Further, Applicants have attached a copy of an English-language Abstract of this document.

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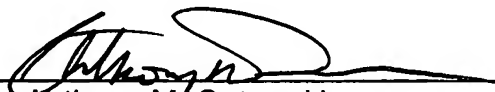
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